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SUBJECT: ISRAEL-EGYPT MILITARY MEETINGS

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1. RELATIVELY LITTLE HAS SURFACED SO FAR IN ISRAELI MEDIA ON THREE ISRAEL-EGYPT MILITARY MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. PRESS COVERAGE OF FIRST MEETING WHICH WAS HELD EARLY MORNING OCT 28 WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON IDF SPOKESMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL WHICH FAILED TO IDENTIFY ISRAELI REPS TO MEETING. A LATER COMMUNIQUE IDENTIFIED GEN YARIV AS ISRAELI PARTICIPANT IN MEETING AND NOTED THAT SUBECTS DISCUSSED WERE "CEASE-FIRE ARRANGEMENTS" AND RESUPPLY CONVOY FOR EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY.

2. MEDIA INDICATED THAT SECOND MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE LATER IN DAY OF OCT 28 WAS NOT PREARRANGED BUT OCCURRED WHEN
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GEN BAR-LEV ASKED TO SEE EGYPTIAN BRIG GEN SHARIF WHO

WAS ACCOMPANYING RESUPPLY CONVOY. BAR-LEV INFORMED HIS COUNTERPART THAT IDF WOULD NOT ALLOW WOUNDED EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS IN THIRD ARMY AREA TO BE REPATRIATED UNTIL EGYPT MADE SOME MOVE ON QUESTION OF ISRAELI POWS.

3. INFO IN PRESS ON THIRD MEETING HELD OCT 29 HAS BEEN EVEN LESS THAN ON PREVIOUS TWO MEETINGS. COVERAGE WAS BASED ON IDF ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH STATED THAT GEN YARIV HAD MET AN EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT MEETING "WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO QUESTION OF POWS IN EGYPTIAN HANDS." ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO SAID THAT A FURTHER MEETING WAS TO BE HELD.

4. COMMENT: GOI IS THUS FAR KEEPING A TIGHT LID ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS. WE SUSPECT THIS IS BEING DONE TO AVOID RAISING FALSE HOPES AND PERHAPS ALSO TO FUZZ QUESTION OF WHETHER ANY SUBJECTS BEYOND THOSE PUBLICLY MENTIONED HAVE IN FACT BEEN RAISED. PUBLIC IN ANY CASE HAS BEEN OFFERED LITTLE REASSURANCE THAT THIS FORUM IS ACCOMPLISHING MUCH.
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